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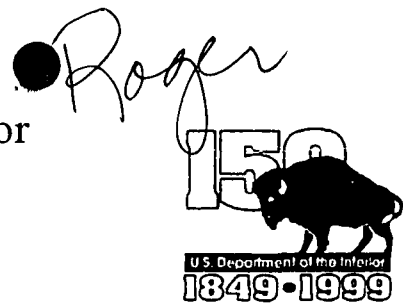
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
NMNM101813  
NMNM101815  
2800 (07200-ko)

November 22, 1999

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your information is the Decision Record for El Paso Field Service's Rattlesnake Plant and Pipeline Project. We appreciate your review and comments on the Environmental Assessments that preceded this decision.

Sincerely,

Joel E. Farrell  
Asst. Field Manager for Resources

Enclosure

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
EL PASO FIELD SERVICES COMPANY RATTLESNAKE PROJECT**

Location	EA Log No. NM070-99-3208
T. 32 N., R. 9 W.,	Lease/Serial No. NMNM 101813 - Compressor
sec. 7,8,9,15,16,22,27,28,33,34	NMNM 101815 - Pipelines
	File Code 2800

**Finding of No Significant Impact and  
Decision Record**

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Impact identification and analysis of the proposed right-of-way and compressor site has been completed. Completion of the environmental assessment, along with implementation of required stipulations and/or mitigating measures, will result in (projected) impacts to resource values being restored to pre-project conditions and/or acceptable post-project standards. With the required stipulations and built-in mitigation measures, impacts will not be significant so further analysis in an additional Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.

**Decision Record**

**1. Decision**

The decision is to select Alternative I. This grants a right-of-way for NMNM 101815 along the routes presented in the final approved site plats and route maps. NMNM 101813 will not be constructed on public lands.

The proposed compressor site, NMNM 101815 is located on State lands in New Mexico. The proposed pipelines are located on Federal, State and private lands in New Mexico. This decision addresses only the public land. The State and private land owners are responsible to authorize EPFS to construct and operate the facilities on their lands.

**2. Rationale**

The actions granted by this decision will cause minimal, but acceptable overall environmental and human impacts. The proposed pipelines parallel other pipelines for approximately 90 percent of the route. Approval will provide EPFS with authorizations necessary to construct, operate, and maintain buried steel pipelines in various diameters, thereby enabling an increase of gas production.

**3. Conformance to Land Use Planning**

The action is in compliance with the Farmington Resource Management Plan (RMP) of 1988,

and the Albuquerque District Oil and Gas Leasing Development RMP Amendment of 1992. The Farmington Field Office grants rights-of-way to qualified individuals and businesses. Rights-of-way are also granted to promote maximum use of existing rights-of-way corridors while ensuring that mineral development is carried out in a manner which maximizes environmental damage and provides for the rehabilitation of affected lands.

#### 4. Consultation/Coordination

Potentially interested parties were notified of the project through letters and review copies of two Environmental Assessments (EA). Each EA was available for a 30-day comment periods. The comments were incorporated into the final EA.

#### 5. Compliance Monitoring

The Bureau of Land Management will monitor the rights-of-way and temporary use areas during construction on a daily basis through a third-party compliance provider funded by EPFS, and approved and controlled by the BLM. Weekly project visits will be conducted by BLM personnel. After construction, the right-of-way will be placed on a five to ten year BLM inspection cycle.

#### 6. Mitigation

- a. The Plan of Development
- b. Biological avoidance and monitoring actions resulting from the Biological Assessment
- c. Cultural resource avoidance and monitoring actions resulting from the cultural surveys

Additional stipulations and/or mitigating measures were considered and analyzed in the environmental assessment. Based on impact analysis, specific stipulations and/or mitigating measures have been selected. The applicant is responsible for implementing these stipulations and the mitigation measures listed above to prevent and/or reduce impacts projected to occur during and after the project.

Recommended by Kathy J. Ollam 11-19-99  
Realty Specialist Date

Reviewed by James E. Crawford 11/19/99  
Lands Team Lead Date

Approved by [Signature] 11/19/99  
Asst. Field Manager for Resources Date